



Spring is on its way... Hopefully!

We are slowly emerging from winter, and I am enjoying the fact that I no longer arrive at work in the dark! Football has resumed, with a good (8-1) Year 6 victory over Cringleford in the week before half term break and more matches to come. Next week we will be enjoying our annual Book Week, featuring book swaps, the 'book bell', book-themed decorated classroom and office doors, reading cafes and lots of other book-related competitions and activities. The children will also receive their World Book Day book tokens.

On January 19th a mixed squad of Year 6 boys and girls took part in a CSF (Community Sports Foundation) tournament at the FDC, Bowthorpe. The boys played one half of each game and the girls the other; playing some super passing football. They won two games and were narrowly defeated in two games. The whole team deserves credit for their behaviour and attitude throughout the whole day. The following day the Y6 boys and Megan F took part in the ESFA/Danone under 11 County Finals in Attleborough, which we qualified for by winning a tournament at UEA in November. The team did very well and ended up runners-up; unfortunately just missing out on a place in the regional finals. Next week there is a sportshall athletics event and the Norfolk cross-country finals at Holkham Hall.

Another round of successful learning reviews took place at the end of last month—thank you to all the parents who came and to the children for talking so articulately about their learning. Thank you to all the parents/carers who completed the anti-bullying policy survey before half term. We are currently collating the responses and hope to be able to summarise and report the results in the next few weeks.

Unfortunately the PTFA quiz and chips scheduled for 23rd February had to be cancelled because the numbers were not quite enough to make the event viable. We hope to find an alternative date early in the summer term.

On February 27th, members of the school council will visit the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital to interview applicants for School Nurse training, the fifth year in a row we have been involved in this process. Later this term there is 'Sport Relief' and we hold our annual 'Cake Concert', showcasing solo musicians and small group instrumentalists. Year 6 are looking forward to their residential trip to the PGL centre at Caythorpe Court, which takes place from 21st–23rd March.

Mrs Perry is currently unwell and will not be back at work for at least 3 months. I am very pleased to say that Mrs Smith will be covering 4SP on Thursdays and Fridays for the foreseeable future; Mrs Smith has been covering Mr Jones' paternity leave and since half term has been covering Mrs Wells' maternity leave in 3WM on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Paul Stanley

Headteacher



Car Parking:

Sadly, inconsiderate parking by parents around the school remains an issue and I received the following email from a frustrated local resident just before half term:

'Whilst I realise that car parking is not the responsibility of your school, do you, or could you issue at the beginning of the school year a leaflet setting out how parents can park responsibly when dropping/collecting their children. This year has been the worst in our memory, we now have parents arriving far too early and then sitting with their children in the car with the engine running, either to keep warm or to run the air conditioning. The first car to collect their child today arrived at 2pm.'

We note also an increasing number of parents putting their child at risk by letting them access or depart, from the car into the road; it's an accident waiting to happen. Particularly as having delivered their child some people then use the road as a race track.

We are not anti-school, and like to see the happy smiles from the children, but would like to see a degree of respect for both the parents own children, and also residents.'

Another Plea!

If a child has been sick they should not return to school less than 48 hours after the last incident of



vomiting; even if they appear to be well, they may still be infectious. This

also applies if your child has been suffering with diarrhoea.

Community Sports Foundation



After School Clubs

Next half term the CSF after school club is

High 5 Netball.

Year 3 - Wednesdays

Year 4 - Fridays

The cost is £1 per session (this is heavily subsidised by the school). This is a great opportunity for your children to give these new activities a try. The next group after Easter will be kwik cricket.

Severe Weather Arrangements



Just as we start to perhaps think about spring, some very cold weather is expected and it is possible that we will have some snow or severe weather over the next week or so. Deciding whether or not to close the

school is always a difficult decision and a number of factors need to be considered, including whether members of staff living a long way from school are able to get into work, the safety of the school site itself, or if the school meals can be provided. Advice from the Local Authority is that schools should remain open wherever possible and we will always aim to do this. In the event of heavy snow, please listen to local radio (Heart: 102.4 FM or Radio Norfolk) to hear whether the school is closed. Details of school closures are also available on Norfolk's schools website: www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk

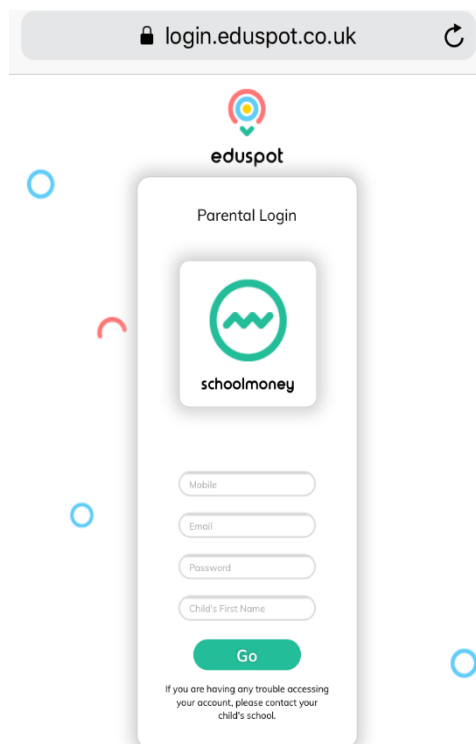
Please avoid ringing the school if at all possible-this blocks the phone lines and means the office staff spend all their time on the phone between 8 and 9 am. *If the school is open, parents should make every effort to get their children to school.*

School Money.

School money has had a makeover. Please follow the step by step guide below to log in. If you have any more problems please call the school office.



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Go Go Hare

If your child would like to design a Hare, could they please be in by Monday 26th February at the latest please.



Website & Teachers2Parents App.

We aim to keep you as up to date as possible with the calendar on the website and the noticeboard on the Teachers2Parents App. If there is anything you think we are missing then please contact the school office.

Many Thanks

Book Week

Next week is book week in school. The Pupils will be doing various activities through the week.

They will be having a reading café (pupils only), in their class.

We will also be holding a book swap. So if your child has a book they would like to swap then please send it in with them next week.



Please Note: There will be no dress up for World Book Day.

Quiz & Chips Night

Unfortunately we needed to cancel the planned Quiz & Chips Night due to a low number of entries. There have been a number of other quizzes in the area lately which we feel may have impacted on us. Our last quiz was well supported, a really enjoyable evening.



So we have rescheduled for Friday 27th April. Further details will be in the next newsletter.



Anyone due a refund will be contacted separately.

Many Thanks

PTFA

Bag 2 School

Please remember to fill your Bag 2 School clothes recycling bags and bring them into school on Thursday 1st March before 8.40am.

The following items are accepted:

- Good quality Adults and children's clothing.
- Paired shoes
- Hats
- Belts
- Handbags
- Ties
- Soft toys

Spare bags are available from the school office.

Exemplar Education

On 26th February, each child will be given an envelope containing information and a letter about the Exemplar Education Programme. We would like to make it clear that the school is not endorsing or promoting this programme, although it is designed by teachers, linked to the National Curriculum does come highly recommended. We are often asked by parents/carers whether there is anything they could do to support their child at home; this programme is perhaps something that some parents *may* want to look into.

If the school receives Pupil Premium funding for your child (e.g. if you receive Free School Meals) then the school would be prepared to fund up to three months of the Exemplar Programme for your child. Please contact the school and ask to speak to Mr Stanley if this applies to you or if you would like to know more.

Please return the reply slip, even if you are not interested, because the school will receive a cash donation based on the number of slips returned.

Thank you.

DIARY DATES



February	
w/b Mon 26th	Book week
March	
Thurs 1st	World Book Day
Tues 13th	Cake Concert
Mon 19th - Fri 23rd	Sport Relief
Weds 21st - Fri 23rd	Yr 6 Caythorpe Residential Trip
Weds 28th	End of Spring Term for children
Thurs 29th	INSET day
April	
Mon 16th	Summer Term starts for staff and children
May	
Mon 7th	School Closed (May Day Bank Holiday)
Weds 9th	Learning reviews and Yr 6 open evening (3-6pm)
w/b Mon 14th	SATs week
Thurs 17th	Learning reviews (4-8pm)
Thurs 24th	PTFA BBQ
Fri 25th	End of half-term
June	
Mon 4th	Start of half-term for staff and children
Weds 13th	Summer concert (6pm)
Thurs 15th	Summer concert (9am)
Thurs 21st	Multi-sports run-through
Tues 26th	Yr 2/Yr 3 multi-sports event
Weds 27th	New Yr 3 parents meeting (6-8pm)
Thurs 28th	Yr 3/Yr 4 sports day
Fri 29th	Yr 5/Yr 6 sports day

July	
Fri 6th	Transfer Day (provisional date)
Mon 16th	End of year reports sent out to parents
Tues 17th	Yr 6 show (6pm)
Weds 18th	Yr 6 show (9am)
Mon 23rd	Yr 6 awards assembly (9am) PTFA disco and leaver's BBQ
Tues 24th	Leavers' breakfast Leavers' service End of Summer Term

*Dates are correct at time of publication.
Please go to our website to check for
updates and new events*

TERM DATES 2017-2018

2017 / 2018	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 6 th September	Thursday 19 th October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 30 th October	Tuesday 19 th December
Spring Term 1	Thursday 4 th January	Friday 9 th February
Spring Term 2	Monday 19 th February	Wednesday 28 th March
Summer Term 1	Monday 16 th April	Friday 25 th May
Summer Term 2	Monday 4 th June	Tuesday 24 th July
INSET DAYS		
	<i>4th and 5th September 2017</i>	
	<i>3rd January 2018</i>	
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY		
	<i>Monday 7th May 2018</i>	

IMPORTANT NOTE: Dates for Staff Training Days may need to be altered. Notice will be given if this proves to be necessary.

SCHOOL MONEY

If you have any queries with regards to the school money website please look at the Parents' Guide or contact the school office.

Job Vacancies

MSA

We are looking for another MSA (Midday Supervisory Assistant) to join our lunchtime team as soon as possible. The successful applicant will be working with children in every year group for five lunchtimes a week (5 hours 25 mins a week). Pay is £8.43 a session.

CLEANER

We are looking for a cleaner. No previous experience is necessary and training will be provided. Working hours would be 3pm-6pm. Pay is £7.5230 an hour (Scale A, Point 6)

For more information and an application form, please ask at the school office.

The school is committed to the principles of equal opportunities, safe recruitment practices and to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS (formerly called CRB) will be necessary

For more information and an application form, please ask at the school office